Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in South Dakota observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month each year during the month of May; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in ten families affected by them; and,

Whereas, Those citizens of South Dakota who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists should be recognized; and,

Whereas, Audiology and speech-language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is proud and honored to have approximately 400 audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakota citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State